Meetings with the State Ministers in charge of Panchayati Raj and evolved by consensus a set of around 150 points for action which have been put together in a compendium that was adopted unanimously at the conclusion of the last Round Table in Jaipur. The Ministry has now initiated a process of visiting each of the State/UT to review with the authorities concerned the progress in implementing the points for action contained in the compendium. It is expected that this will accelerate the pace of implementation of the provisions of Part IX read with Article 243ZD of the Constitution and bring about greater conformity in both letter and spirit, to the Constitutional provisions of Panchayati Raj in all States/UTs concerned.

Kerosene quota to States

†2264. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quota for kerosene oil to all the States is determined by Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have recently curtailed the said quota of several States;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the States, whose quota has been curtailed have requested the Central Government to increase the same; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government allocates Kerosene (SKO) to the States and Union Territories (UTs) for distribution under the Public Distribution system (PDS). The State/UT-wise details of allocation for the year 2004-05 are at in the Statement *(see* below,).

(c) and (d) As per the policy in place since 2001-02, SKO allocation of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the States/UTs have been reduced taking into account the number of new LPG connections released in the States/UTs. The States/UTs were advised to rationalize kerosene quota to ration card holders having LPG connections with single/double cylinders and distribute the quantity thus saved to needy people.

(e) Yes, Sir. This Ministry has received representations from various State Governments/UTs for the enhancement of their SKO quota.

(f) An additional allocation of 1,47,399 Metric Tonnes (MTs) of SKO for the period January to March, 2005 have been made to various States/UTs to meet their demand. The Central Government have commissioned the National Council of Applied Economic Research to undertake the first-ever detailed study of Kerosene demand in the country. Further decision with regard to PDS Kerosene will be taken in the light of the conclusions of this unprecedented study.

Statement

State/UT-wise SKO allocation during 2004-2005

State/UT	Allocation (in MTs)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5,771
Andhra Pradesh	4,85,448
Arunachal Pradesh	9,257
Assam	2,51,714
Bihar	6,31,639
Chandigarh	13,067
Chhattisgarh	1,43,354
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2,782
Daman & Diu	2,118
Delhi	1,68,484
Goa	19,212
Gujarat	7,43,759
Haryana	1,42,068
Himachal Pradesh	50,537

State/UT	Allocation (in MTs)
Jammu & Kashmir	72,444
Jharkhand	2,11,175
Karnataka	4,61,478
Kerala	2,11,033
Lakshadweep	795
Madhya Pradesh	4,76,691
Maharashtra	12,53,530
Manipur	19,907
Meghalaya	20,401
Mizoram	6,217
Nagaland	13,012
Orissa	3,07,295
Pondicherry	12,058
Punjab	2,32,813
Rajasthan	3,96,500
Sikkim	5,433
Tamil Nadu	5,45,297
Tripura	30,093
Uttar Pradesh	12,11,485
Uttaranchal	85,959
West Bengal	7,48,228
TOTAL:	89,91,054

Collaboration of coal gasification

2265. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an MoU was signed with Russian Skochinsky Institute of Mines for technical collaboration to turn coal into gas;